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From the desk of our President



With the coming of December comes great opportunity to dance and enjoy the fellowship during this special time of the year. In the spirit of giving at Christmas time, our chapter always does a toy drive at the December dance to benefit the children of our community. We will again be doing that this year and you can find more specifics further into the newsletter. Bring your favorite Christmas snack for the Sunday dance, Dec. 10, 2017.

I recently received the results of the USA Dance membership contest in the mail and am proud to report that we had 22 members who either joined our chapter or renewed during that time period. As a result our chapter received a rebate check from Nationals for \$110.00. So a heartfelt thanks you to all who joined or renewed during this time so that the chapter could receive a portion of your dues.

As a new board prepares to take place and continue the work of Carolina Heartland, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have served with me over the past two years. Without your hard work and tireless efforts we never would have been able to have accomplished so much.

Terry L. Whittington, President

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At the dance on November 23, 2017, the Nominating Committee Chairman Linda Jackson presented this list of volunteer/nominees for the new Carolina Heartland Board of Directors to President Terry Whittington for announcement to chapter members. They are Melody Kearns, Mark Lichtenberger, Mel Paterline, Sherri Raeford, Lynette Smitherman and Lib Johnson. In an upcoming meeting, this group will elect officers among themselves. Rodger Haberfield was a most welcome late volunteer stepping forth to serve on the board as well. These folks have planned their first meeting and hope to announce the new officers and directors at the dance on December 10, 2017. Thanks to Jan Coats, Trudy Atkins and Linda Jackson for their work as members of the nominating committee. And thanks to the 2016-2017 Carolina Heartland Board.

Carolina Heartland Calendar

Carolina Heartland, December 10, 2017. Swing Lesson by Alan Hedgpeth, 2:30, Dancing, 3:15 -5:00, Guilford Grange, 4909 Guilford School Rd., Greensboro, NC. **Admission fees: \$8:00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members, and \$5.00 for students with ID card. Please bring your favorite snacks and ENJOY DANCING TO THE MUSIC OF ALAN HEDGPETH.**

Spotlight on Anne DiPiazza!

Welcome to another new member, Anne DiPiazza! Anne has lived in the Piedmont Triad area all her adult life but only recently discovered what it offers



in ballroom dancing. She left her hometown of Raleigh to attend high school at UNCSA in Winston-Salem as a piano student. She continued her music studies at UNCG, earning Bachelor's and Master's degrees in piano performance. After graduating from UNCG, Anne spent a year in Spain studying at the Royal Conservatory in Madrid.

The next years were busy; Anne married, taught piano at Salem College and occasionally gave two-piano concerts with her sister, Rennie Beyer. When her third and youngest child began school, Anne, by then a single mom, returned to school, earning an MA degree in Middle Grades Education. She spent the next 18 years teaching Language Arts in Forsyth County.

After Anne retired and was looking for leisure time activities, a friend at her gym suggested ballroom dancing. Anne had always loved dancing, having taken the usual lessons in her childhood and college years, but she had never taken any social dance classes. Currently she is thoroughly enjoying taking ballroom lessons and engaging in line dancing and contra.

Long a familiar face in Greensboro, Anne has played viola in the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra for over 30 years. She also sings with the adult choir at Christ United Methodist Church. "Music and dance have always been an important part of my life," she says, "and it feels wonderful to be dancing again! I am grateful to the dance community for their warm welcome."



Toys for Kids: A note from Cherrie Wheaton

Dear Carolina Heartland members and friends,

As we usually do, Carolina Heartland Chapter 6092 will be collecting "Gifts for Kids" to contribute to the Salvation Army Project which tries to reach all children and teen-agers of our community with a Christmas gift. We will collect these gifts UNWRAPPED at our December Dance on December 10, 2017. Please remember it is so important that we purchase items suitable for teenagers as well as the little ones. Please contact Cherrie Wheaton if you would be willing to deliver our collection of toys to the Salvation Army on Monday, Dec. 11, 2017. gcwheaton@earthlink.net. Contact libsjohnson@triad.rr.com if you need the list of suggestions for toys and gifts.

Anne DiPiazza and Greensboro orchestra friends!



Friday, Dec. 1, 1st Friday, Guilford Grange Dance, 4909 Guilford School Rd., Dancing at 8:00. Lib, 336-299-7412.

Saturday, Dec. 2, 1st Saturday, Winston-Salem Ballroom Dance Club, Allen Berryhill, Pres., 8:00 - 10:00, South Fork, 4403 Country Club Rd., Winston. Contact, 336-659-4305. Free dance.

Sunday, Dec. 3, First Sunday, Tim Saunders dance, Guilford Grange, 3:30-5:30, Tim 336-324-1924.

Friday, Dec. 8, 2nd Friday, Dinner & Dance, High Point Elks Lodge, 700 Old Mill Rd., Dinner-7:00-Dancing 8:00, Music by Rodney and Carolyn, 336-945-3635.

Saturday, Dec. 9, 2nd Saturday, Greensboro Social Dance Club, 8:00 p.m., Lewis Recreation Center, Eileen Leggio, 336-643-6088.

Saturday, Dec. 9, 2nd Saturday only for December, Horizon 8-10 p.m., Guilford Grange, walk-ins welcome. Lib Johnson, 336-299-7412.

Sunday, December 10, Second Sunday dance, Carolina Heartland, USA Dance, Guilford Grange, 2:30 lesson, 3:15 general dancing. Contact: Melanie Whittington, infvivi@aol.com. Christmas Dance/Party and Toys for Kids.

Friday, Dec. 29, 5th Friday Piedmont, USA Dance, Contact Marcia, Jerry Long YMCA, 6:00-8:30. 336-712-8183 or hm-bar@aol.com.

Classes - Southfork, Winston: Allen Berryhill, teacher. Wed. night, 7:30, Beginner Ballroom; 8:30, Non-Beginner. Thursday,

The Triangle Open Competition was held on the weekend of November 17-20 at NC State in Raleigh. Chapter members Wayne and Marie Crowder were the organizers of this well established competition and several chapter members took advantage of the "invitation to seniors" to compete. These couples competing were Terry and Cynthia Romine, who competed in Senior 2 and 3 Standard and Latin Silver and Gold, Mark Lightenberger with partner Dale Flowers, who competed in Senior 2 and 3 Standard Gold and Novice and Latin Gold and Novice, Mel and Victoria Paterline who competed in Standard Senior 2 and 3 in Silver and Gold. Billy Dillon and his partner Allison Bailey also competed in Senior 1 Gold and Adult Gold Latin. Adina Harper, a professional instructor we often rely on for C. H. lessons, was there with the Wake Forest Ballroom Dance Team which she coaches. She and one of her students took top honors in the Polka contest.

Video Checkout-Thanks to Lynette Smitherman, our "temporary video keeper." lwsmitherman@gmail.com. Please return videos the next month to avoid late fee: \$5.00.

Adina Harper & Mike Vuncannon; Christine & Ken Chiou.

Great Nov. 12th dance with American Waltz Lesson!

A big Thank you to Adina Harper for the most excellent American waltz lesson. She took us through a review of the alignments used around the floor; then she taught us a Progressive Chasse to the Right followed by a man's Back Lock (woman's Forward Lock). We ended with a quarter turn to the right and a half box forward. It appeared most folks executed the step very well. In regards to the great crowd, I hope we can figure out the "Magic Lure" that brought people out of their homes for a wonderful lesson and afternoon.

Dance Hosts and great music: Thanks to Lynette Smitherman, hostess of the Nov. dance; Melanie Whittington, teller; snack providers, Rockie & Mary Lou Troxler, Victoria & Mel Paterline, Lynette Smitherman, Liz Gilkey, and Ken Lommel.

Thanks to Rockie Troxler for the great dance music and to Anne Dipiazza for proofreading the newsletter.

Though the pictures seem to show a small number, there were actually a lot of people at the Nov. lesson and dance. It was quite an exciting afternoon.

